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- ☐ Box No. II. Priority
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- ☐ Box No. IV. Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI. Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII. Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII. Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

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☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished☐ the description:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-23

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-23

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-23

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

US 6471591

US 5116055

All claims are novel and involve an inventive step over the cited art. Neither of the citations, alone, or in obvious combination, disclose, or fairly suggest, all features of claims 1-23. In particular, the citations do not teach a means, operable in response to the performance of the gaming machine, to modify the proportion of the user's contribution to the game.